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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT ON LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT

1. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH RETURNED TO
NOUAKCHOTT
MID-AFTERNOON JULY 6 FROM LIBREVILLE SUMMIT OF ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY. HE MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON 14TH SUMMIT AT
AIRPORT ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. RATHER THAN DISV SS DECISIONS OF SUMMIT WHICH ARE RECORDED
IN PRESS, "I SHOULD LIKE TO STATE MY IMPRESSIONS OF SUMMIT WHICH
WAS BEYOND ANY QUESTION ONE OF GREATEST SUCCESSES OF OUR
ORGANIZATION IN SPITE OF THE PROPHETS OF DOOM. SUCESS OF CON-
FERENCE WAS DUE IN (LARGE) PART TO DYNAMIC ACTION OF OUR NEW
ROTATING PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT BONGO, WHOSE COUNTRY SPARED NO
EFFORT TO CREATE BEST PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS."

(A) "NUMBER OF CHIEFS OF STATE WHO PRESENT AT
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LIBREVILLE HAS RARELY BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THE ANNALS OF
OUR ORGANIZATION."

(B) "OUR ORGANIZATION HAS DEMONSTRATED AN UNDENIABLE
MATURITY. AND THE LEADERS OF AFRICA HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR

DETERMINATION TO SEARCH OUT PATHS AND MEANS TO REINFORCE OUR
CONTINENTAL UNITY. ALL AGENDA ITEMS WERE EXAMINED; NONE WAS
DUCKED. SOLUTIONS WERE WORKED OUT OR SKETCHED OUT, ALLOWING
US TO HOPE FOR MORE DEFINITIVE RESOLUTIONS OF DIFFERENCES
WHICH EXIST BETWEEN CERTAIN OF OUR STATES."

(C) "WE KNOW HOW TO HIDE THESE DIFFERENCES, BUT WHEN ONE
KEEPS IN MIND THE AMBITION WE AFRICANS HAVE OF DISCUSSING ALL
THE PROBLEMS OF OUR CONTINENT, AT ONE TIME AND IN ONE PLACE,
SOMETHING WHICH NO OTHER CONTINENT DOES, ONE CAN BE TOLERANT
WITH US, AND UNDERSTAND THAT WE CANNOT FROM ONE DAY TO THE
NEXT AND WITH WAVE OF A MAGIC WAND, RESOLVE ALL OUR PROBLEMS.
BUT ONCE AGAIN AT LIBREVILLE, WE HAVE STUDIED AND WE HAVE
WORKED OUT SOLUTIONS WHICH BRING US NEARER TO RESOLUTION OF
THESE PROBLEMS--IF THE PROBLEMS PERMIT US TO FIND SOLUTIONS."

3. RE ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION, " SOMETHING WHICH IS DEAR TO US
MAURITANIANS AND IS HAPPILY NOW DEAR TO ALL THE STATES OF THE
CONTINENT, LIBREVILLE WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP BECAUSE ALL THE
CHIEFS OF STATE ASSEMBLED AT LIBREVILLE AND THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF THOSE ABSENT UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED THEIR TOTAL BACKING OF THE
CONCLUSIONS OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE AND RENEWED THE EXPRESSION
OF THE WILL OF AFRICA TO MOVE OUT AHEAD IN THIS ARAB-AFRICAN
COOPERATION." (KPCG IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT SENEGAL'S RESO
LUTION ON

NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHERS. "I CAN ONLY
SAY THAT THE WISH OF ALL WHO VOTED FOR THAT RESOLUTION (IS)
THAT (ALL) WILL APPLY IT. IN ANY EVENT, THOSE WHO DO NOT
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IMPLEMENT IT WILL NOT BE ABLE AS SOME DO NOW, PREACH LOFTY
PRINCIPLES AND TRAMPLE THEM UNDERFOOT WHEN THEY FIND THEM
INCONVENIENT. BUT LET'S SAY THAT IN FUTURE...IT WILL BE
DIFFICULT FOR SOME TO DO OPPOSITE OF WHAT THEY SAY. AND IF THEY
DO, THEY WILL BE DENOUNCED, AND AT THAT MOMENT, THEY WILL BE LESS
ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES."

5. RE SPECAIL OAU SUMMIT ON THE SAHARA. "THE POSITION OF
MAURITANIA IS CLEAR: IT WILL PARTICIPATE WHEN IT BECOMES
REALLY A QUESTION OF A SUMMIT (QUAND IL S'AGIRA REELLEMENT
D'UN SOMMET)".

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